

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the final Office Action mailed July 22, 2005. As described below, Applicant believes all claims to be allowable over the cited reference. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the Examiner's indication that Claims 9, 11, 13-15, 23, 34, 42, 50 and 58 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 28, 45, and 53 to include limitations similar to those found in Claim 11 (and thus also including limitations similar to those in intervening Claims 6 and 10). For this reason, Applicant believes Claims 1, 28, 45, and 53 to now be in condition for allowance.

Section 102 Rejections

Claims 1-8, 10, 12, 16-22, 24-33, 35-41, 43-49, 51-57, and 59-60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,275,574 issued to Oran ("Oran"). Although Applicant believes that the limitations of these claims are not disclosed in Oran, to expedite allowance of this application, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1, 28, 45, and 53 to include limitations similar to those found in Claim 11 (and thus also including limitations similar to those in intervening Claims 6 and 10). For this reason, Applicant respectfully requests allowance of independent Claims 1, 28, 45, and 53, as well as the claims which depend from these independent claims.

CONCLUSION

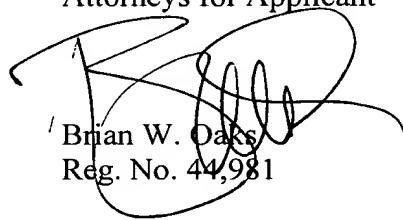
Applicant has made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Brian W. Oaks, Attorney for Applicant, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6986.

Although no fees are believed due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of Baker Botts L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "BAKER BOTTS L.L.P." and "Attorneys for Applicant". Below the signature, the name "Brian W. Oaks" is written, followed by "Reg. No. 44,981".

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